

Comparisons of Job Characteristics

Focus Occupation: Paralegals and Legal Assistants (23-2011)

Associated Occupation: Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive (43-6014)

Compare Knowledge

Compare Skills

Compare Abilities

Compare Detailed Work Activities

Compare Tools and Technologies

<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 77

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Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Clerical	7.3	20.7	17.5	<	Expanded education and/or training may be required
Customer and Personal Service	11.3	15.7	9.3	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
English Language	11.2	13.5	18.4	>>	Current knowledge level is likely more than sufficient
Computers and Electronics	8.4	12.5	11.1	<	Expanded education and/or training may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 93

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Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Speaking	10.8	13.8	11.2	<	A higher skill level may be required
Active Listening	11.0	13.6	12.2	<	A higher skill level may be required
Time Management	8.9	12.7	8.7	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Writing	9.2	12.5	11.8	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Service Orientation	7.9	12.2	8.2	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Management of Material Resources	3.7	5.8	1.3	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required

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Abilities		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 92			
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Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Oral Comprehension	12.5	15.0	14.4	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Oral Expression	12.4	14.1	14.4	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Speech Recognition	9.9	13.3	10.8	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Written Comprehension	11.0	13.1	14.4	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Near Vision	11.1	12.5	12.8	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Information Ordering	9.9	12.3	10.3	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Written Expression	9.8	12.2	13.0	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Time Sharing	6.6	7.9	6.4	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required

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Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 60
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Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity	
Maintain legal forms	87	
Maintain records, reports, or files	5	
Use oral or written communication techniques	1	

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 75
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Tools and Technologies		Exclusivity

Computer data input devices	2
Computers	1
Content authoring and editing software	1
Content management software	6
Data management and query software	1
Duplicating machines	6
Information exchange software	1
Network applications software	1

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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